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1. KUWAITI DAILY AL ANBA OF SEPT 15 CARRIES LENGTHY INTERVIEW WITH KUWAIT
ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL MUBARAK, IN WHICH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT UNSPECIFIED SOVIET ARMS DEAL "IS STILL ON" AND THAT "NOTHING NEW HAS HAPPENED." IN RESPONSE TO JOURNALIST'S QUESTION ON STATUS OF ARMS PURCHASES FROM FRANCE, MUBARAK REPORTEDLY REFERRED TO KUWAITI PURCHASES IN GENERAL AND SAID THAT THERE ARE "NO OBSTACLES" TO MAKING DESIRED PURCHASES, BUT THERE ARE OFTEN "DIFFERENCES OF VIEWPOINTS ON SPARE PARTS, TRAINING AND OTHER MATTERS, WHICH USUALLY ARE OVERCOME
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APC'S FROM US, HE ADDED THAT, IN GOK VIEW, US, USSR, AND
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE ALL POTENTIAL SOURCES FOR ARMS
SINCE NO SINGLE SOURCE HAS MONOPOLY ON TYPES OF ARMAMENTS
KUWAIT WANTS. "WE CHOOSE THE BEST" AND "EACH WEAPON
HAS ITS CHARACTERISTICS AND WE SELECT WHAT SUITS US."
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